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In re Application of: )  
TOSHIYUKI YOSHIHARA ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/438,491 ) : Group Art Unit: 2873  
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For: ABERRATION CORRECTING ) March 9, 2000  
OPTICAL SYSTEM ) :

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

(1) Japanese Laid-Open patent application No. 1-121816 is discussed on page 3 of the subject specification and relates to a solid-state image pickup device.

(2) Japanese Laid-Open patent application No. 10-27743 is also discussed on page 3 of the subject specification and relates to a projection aligner, a device manufacturing method and an aberration correcting optical system.

(3) Japanese Laid-Open patent application No. 7-183190 is discussed on page 6 of the subject specification and relates to a projection aligner.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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